

Important Notice

Special 90-Day Open Enrollment Period

For Under-Age-65 Disabled Medicare Beneficiaries

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*Commencing January 1, 2004*

**New legislation [SB 1531-Chapter 555 effective January 1, 2003] requires Medicare supplement carriers to offer a special 90-day Open Enrollment to qualified Medicare beneficiaries under the age of 65.**

**This open enrollment period begins January 1, 2004 and is available to individuals who are**

- **Under age 65;**
- **Qualified for Medicare because of a disability;**
- **Do not have End-Stage Renal Disease; and**
- **Did not use the previous special open enrollment period commencing January 1, 2001.**

**Qualified individuals may purchase one of the following standardized Medicare Supplement plans: A, B, C, F or a prescription drug plan H, I, or J. Please refer to our Web site at [www.insurance.ca.gov](http://www.insurance.ca.gov) for a more detailed explanation of Medicare Supplement plan benefits.**

- **All carriers and health care service plans that offer any of the above mentioned plans to Medicare beneficiaries over age 65, must also offer them to qualified Medicare beneficiaries under age 65.**
- **Both individual policies and coverage offered through group plans are subject to the requirement.**
- **Carriers may charge different rates for under age 65 applicants.**